GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4716
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2014
RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN MADURAI AND CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Duranto express trains running presently in the country, Zone-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to increase/introduce Duranto express trains service between important railway stations, including between Madurai and Chennai;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to increase the rail service between Madurai and Chennai to accommodate the increasing number of railway commuters between these two cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4716 BY SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.12.2014 REGARDING RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN MADURAI AND CHENNAI.

(a): The details of the Duronto Express running presently on Indian Railways zone-wise (on basis of primary maintenance) are as under:

S. No.	Zones	Number of Duronto Express Trains (in Pairs)
1	Central Railway	4
2	East Coast Railway	1
3	East Central Railway	-
4	Eastern Railway	3
5	Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd.	-
6	North Central Railway	1
7	North Eastern Railway	-
8	Northeast Frontier Railway	-
9	Northern Railway	3
10	North Western Railway	-
11	South Central Railway	3
12	South East Central Railway	-
13	South Eastern Railway	5
14	Southern Railway	2
15	South Western Railway	1
16	West Central Railway	-
17	Western Railway	4
Total		27

(b) & (c): At present, there is no proposal to introduce new Duronto Express trains on Indian Railways. However, introdu- ction of new trains including Duronto Express is an ongoing process subject to traffic justification, operational feasi- bility, availability of resources, etc.

(d): At present, Madurai and Chennai are connected by 19 pairs of Mail/Express trains including the service of 22205/22206 Chennai-

Madurai Duronto Express (Bi-weekly). Moreover, a new Premium Express train viz. 22971/22972 Jaipur-Madurai Premium Express having stoppage at Chennai has been announced in Rail- way Budget 2014-15.